

IT MUST BE TRUE — IT WAS IN THE PAPER:

"Wollongong Council and the city Chamber of Commerce are continually being frustrated in their efforts to produce an acceptable plan for the development of Puckey's Estate . . .

Last Sunday afternoon while driving along Squires Road my husband . . . indicated to me the sandhill and surrounding area which he said the local 'hysterical' society wants retained in its natural state" . . .

And no doubt it was the Natural History Society which commemorated the sesquicentenary of settlement in Illawarra by opening a historical museum.

As for the witticism, don't sneer — you may be old, feeble and overworked yourself some day.



"Figtree received its name from a figtree planted 155 years ago near the road leading south . . ."

The planting was performed on Arbor Day, 1812, by Good King Hooker who then drove off in a carriage drawn by four white kangaroos along a road lined with cheering crowds, while a band played patriotic airs on sawn-off didgeridoos. Then the Historiographer-Royal of the Durrawal tribe set up a bar of tablet with a suitable inscription recording the event — and the date.